

Appl. No. 10/670,092
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Reply to Office action of June 4, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present amendment is being filed under a Certificate of Mailing as indicated.

Claims 1-21 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over US patent No. 6,,652,591.

Enclosed herewith is a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c). The rejection to claims 1-21 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over US patent No. 6,,652,591 is believed to be overcome.

The removal of the rejection to claims 1-21 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over US patent No. 6,,652,591 is hereby respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7, 13-17 and 19-21 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent 4,865,608 to Brooker.

Claims 1-7, 13-17 and 19-21 have been cancelled. The rejection to claims 1-7, 13-17 and 19-21 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent 4,865,608 to Brooker is now considered to be moot.

Claims 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent 6,436,148 to DeCarlo.

Claims 19 and 20 have been cancelled. The rejection to claims 19 and 20 under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent 6,436,148 to DeCarlo is now considered to be moot.

Claims 8 and 18 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 4,865,608 to Brooker in view of US Patent 3,894,297 to Mittelmeier.

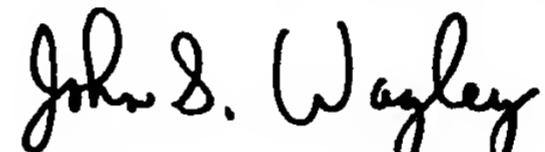
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For the above-described reasons it is respectfully submitted that the rejections to the claims which have not been canceled, namely claims 9-12, have been overcome and that claims 9-12 are currently in condition for allowance. Early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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